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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Anthonius J. Swaak

Art Unit: 1644

Application No.: 08/817,704

Examiner: Gerald R. Ewoldt

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For: USE OF ERYTHROPOIETIN IN THE TREATMENT OF RHEUMATOID

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: June 4, 2004

Sir:

Applicant petitions for an extension of time for three months for response to the outstanding Office Action dated December 4, 2003 from March 4, 2004 to June 4, 2004.

Please find attached a check in the amount of \$950 to cover the fee discussed above. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300 under Client Matter No. 108214-07002.

Respectfully submitted,

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